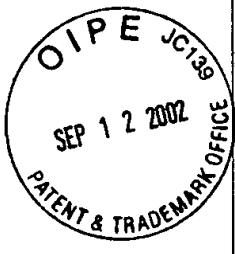


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Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated July 30, 2002, a proposed amendment of the above identified application is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116. Also, reconsideration is requested for reasons hereinafter pointed out.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 without prejudice.

Rewrite claim 9 as follows:

9. In a method of coating a surface with a ductile alloy; the improvement residing in: casting onto said surface a molten stream exclusively limited to: a corrosion-resisting material constituting between 48% and 52% of the ductile alloy undergoing heating during said casting for increase in strength thereof and a base metal; and selecting an inert cover gas to atomize the molten stream into a spray of droplets for deposit onto the surface thereby effecting said increase in strength of the ductile alloy during said casting from a yield strength of less than 145 ksi.

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